GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4745
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WORK ORDER FOR FLAT WAGONS
MINATI SEN

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether work order has been issued in favour of `Shimes` of Rajasthanfor 600 special flat wagons, when the M/s. Burn Standard of West Bengal, Calcutta was the lowest bidder in this respect ; and

(b) if so, the reasons for not accepting the offer of the lowest bidder?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) No, Sir. Also there is no wagon building firm by the name `Shimes` in Rajasthan.

(b) Container Corporation of India Limited (CONCOR), a Public Sector Unit (PSU) under the Ministry of Railways, had recommended the award of the contract in favour of M/s. Burn Standard Company Limited (BSCL), a public sector company. However, the World Bank, who have financed the project, did not favour awarding the contract to the company on the ground that BSCL had a poor track record in making deliveries in time. In furtherance of the Government policy to support PSUs, Ministry of Railways requested the World Bank to reconsider its decision. Hoever, World Bank did not agree to this suggestion and the tender was thus cancelled.